

9. To withdraw remaining contents of the vial, repeat steps 6 through 8.
10. Discard immediately after single session/patient use

Patient Treatment

1. Patient Assessment

A complete medical history should be taken to determine if the treatment is appropriate. Before treatment with **SCULPTRA**[®], the patient should be informed completely of the indications, contraindications, warnings, precautions for use, possible side effects and mode of administration of **SCULPTRA**[®]. A complete medical history should be taken to make sure that the treatment is appropriate. Each patient should be informed that the amount of **SCULPTRA**[®] and the number of injection sessions will depend on the patient's need and the severity of the depressed area. Patients should be informed that more than one injection session is typically necessary to achieve the desired results.

2. Patient Preparation

As with all transcutaneous procedures, **SCULPTRA**[®] injection carries a risk of infection. Standard precautions associated with injectable materials should be followed. Universal precautions must be observed when there is a potential for contact with patient body fluids. The injection site should be cleaned with an antiseptic and free from contamination or infection.

3. The needle for injections

SCULPTRA[®] should be injected using a 26 G sterile needle. Do not inject with needles smaller than 26 G and do not bend the needle. To maintain a uniform suspension throughout the procedure, intermittently agitate the product in the syringe. Before initial injection, expel a few drops **SCULPTRA**[®] through the attached 26 G needle to eliminate air and to check for needle blockage. If the 26 G needle becomes occluded or dull during an injection session replacement may be necessary. If clogging occurs, remove the needle, expel a small amount of product, attach a new sterile 26 G needle, then expel a few drops of **SCULPTRA**[®] to eliminate the air and recheck for needle blockage.

4. The dermal plane

SCULPTRA[®] should be injected into the deep dermis or subcutaneous layer. In order to control the injection depth of **SCULPTRA**[®], stretch/pull the skin opposite to the direction of the injection to create a firm injection surface. The 26 G sterile needle, bevel up, should be introduced into the skin at an angle of approximately 30-40 degrees, until the desired skin depth is reached. A change in tissue resistance is felt when the needle crosses from the dermis into the subcutaneous layer. If the needle is inserted at too shallow (small) an angle or if the needle tip is not sufficiently advanced, then the needle tip may be in the mid or superficial papillary dermis, the needle bevel may be visible through the skin. If product is injected too superficially, the injected area will blanch immediately or shortly after injection. If this occurs, the needle should be removed and the treatment area gently massaged. In the event that the blanching does not disappear, the patient should not be re-injected.

5. Injecting: threading or tunneling

Technique

When the appropriate dermal plane is reached, the needle angle should be lowered to advance the needle in that dermal plane. Prior to depositing **SCULPTRA**[®] in the skin, a reflux maneuver should be performed to assure that a blood vessel has not been entered. Using the threading or tunneling technique, a thin trail of **SCULPTRA**[®] should then be deposited in the tissue plane as the needle is withdrawn. To avoid deposition in the superficial skin, deposition should be stopped before the needle bevel is visible in the skin.

Volume per injection

The maximum volume of **SCULPTRA**[®] per each individual injection should be limited to approximately 0.1 mL – 0.2 mL spaced at a distance of 0.5 cm – 1 cm. Avoid overcorrection.

Volume per treatment area

The volume of product injected per treatment area will vary depending on the surface area to be treated. During the initial treatment sessions with **SCULPTRA**[®], only a limited correction should be made. In contrast to other wrinkle fillers, **SCULPTRA**[®] provides a gradual improvement of the depressed area over several weeks as the treatment effects occurs. Additional sessions may be needed to achieve full effect.

The total number of injections and thus total volume of **SCULPTRA**[®] injected will vary based on the surface area to be corrected, not on the depth or severity of the deficiency to be corrected.

6. Injecting: Depot

Technique

The depot technique is most appropriate for injections into areas of thin skin at the level of the temples. When using this technique, **SCULPTRA**[®] is injected as a small bolus deep to the temporalis muscle. In-

tramuscular injection should be avoided.

Volume per injection

The volume of **SCULPTRA**[®] should be reduced to approximately 0.05 mL/injection. Following each injection, the area should be massaged.

7. Massage during the injection session

The treatment areas should be periodically massaged during the injection session to evenly distribute the product.

8. Degree of correction

The depressed area should never be overcorrected (overfilled) in an injection session. Limited correction of the treatment area allows for the gradual improvement of the depressed area over several weeks as the treatment effect occurs. Typically, patients will experience some degree of oedema associated with the injection procedure itself, which will give the appearance of a full correction by the end of the injection session (within about 30 minutes). The patient should be informed that the injection-related oedema typically resolves in several hours to a few days, resulting in the 'reappearance' of the original contour deficiency.

9. Post treatment care

Immediately following an injection session with **SCULPTRA**[®], redness, swelling, and/or bruising may be noted in the treatment area (refer to Adverse Reactions). After the injection session, an ice pack (avoiding any direct contact of the ice with the skin) should be applied to the treatment area in order to reduce swelling and/or bruising. It is important to thoroughly massage the treatment area(s) to evenly distribute the product. The patient should periodically massage the treated areas for five minutes, five times per day for five days after the treatment to ensure a natural-looking correction.

SCULPTRA[®] may be visualized with ultrasound imaging and MRI. If you are having an ultrasound or MRI performed on the area injected with **SCULPTRA**[®] inform your healthcare provider that you have **SCULPTRA**[®] injected in the area. **SCULPTRA**[®] is not observed with CT scans and X-rays.

10. Treat, wait, assess

During the first treatment session with **SCULPTRA**[®], only a limited correction should be made. Do not overcorrect (overfill). The patient should then be evaluated at no sooner than four weeks post-treatment to determine if additional correction is needed. The original skin depression may initially reappear, but the depression should gradually improve within several weeks as the treatment effect of **SCULPTRA**[®] occurs. The patient should be informed of the potential need for additional treatments at the first consultation.

MODE OF ACTION

SCULPTRA[®] is implanted by subcutaneous or deep intradermal injections with a 26 G needle. The tight granulometric distribution of the microparticles of poly-L-lactic acid, its slow degradation kinetics, and a viscosity which is suitable for both deep intradermal or subcutaneous injections, gives **SCULPTRA**[®] its mechanical properties and prolonged resorbability, which make this implant suitable for filling areas of depressed skin.

STORAGE CONDITIONS

SCULPTRA[®] powder should be stored at room temperature away from heat (maximum 30°C). Upon reconstitution, **SCULPTRA**[®] can be stored up to 72 hours at 2 to 8°C in the refrigerator or at room temperature up to 30°C.

Do not freeze.

Do not use if package or vial is opened or damaged.

IF THE VIAL, SEAL OR THE FLIP-OFF CAP ARE DAMAGED, DO NOT USE, AND CONTACT GALDERMA (SEE CONTACT INFORMATION PROVIDED BELOW).

After patient use, treatment syringes and needles may be potential biohazards. Handle accordingly and discard the needles and syringes in a safe disposal container.

PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS

ANY SIDE EFFECTS OR PRODUCT COMPLAINTS SHOULD BE NOTIFIED TO GALDERMA (SEE CONTACT INFORMATION PROVIDED BELOW).

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